

OUR EDUCATION PAGE

FREDERICKSBURG SUMMER NORMAL

DECIDED SUCCESS IN EVERY WAY

Attendance Very Large, and
Deep Interest Felt by the
People Generally.

FINE CORPS OF INSTRUCTORS

The Institute Well Managed, and
the Instruction of a
High Order.

As one deeply interested in all educational work of the State, and who has noted with pleasure every feasible move which has had for its purpose the improvement and perfection of our public school system, I visited the Summer Institute held at Fredericksburg on Wednesday last, in order to learn the nature of the work done in the classrooms and to note the interest which the teachers are taking in their studies. The false idea is too prevalent that the motive actuating teachers in attending the summer institutes is to enjoy a vacation rather than an earnest desire to keep abreast of the progressive educational movement in the State, and to better prepare to fit themselves for the successful instruction of the future citizens of our Commonwealth. A visit to the Fredericksburg Summer Institute will convince the most skeptical that the teachers are here for the sole purpose of qualifying themselves to meet and fittingly discharge the higher demands now being made on the teachers of our State. The State is demanding better service from its teachers, and the teachers are preparing to more than meet the demand.

The attendance upon the Summer Institute at Fredericksburg is one of the largest, if not the largest, in the State, numbering 220, and this, too, notwithstanding that the counties contiguous to our city and those from which the institute draws have a very small white school population and teaching force compared with other sections of the State where summer institutes are being conducted. The people in this section of Virginia have been thoroughly aroused to the need of better school facilities and a more efficient teaching force. To no single factor is this awakening in education work and the large attendance and success of our Summer Institute so largely due as to the indefatigable zeal and untiring efforts of the State school examiner for this district and conductor of the Summer Institute, Professor E. H. Russell. Professor Russell has lived in our midst for the past six months, and during that time has won the high respect and regard of our people by his earnestness and zeal for his work. He is a man of fixed purpose, tactful, aggressive, and is very fortunate in that he possesses the happy faculty of arousing the zeal of his co-laborers in school officials in educational work without creating opposition or friction. The confidence which he has succeeded in establishing and the interest which he has aroused in the counties which he has visited while inaugurating the Summer Institute is evidenced by the excellent attendance from those counties. The writer does not hesitate to say that if the school examiners of other districts in the State are doing the same efficient work that is being done by Examiner Russell, then the school examiners should be retained as a permanent part of the educational system of our State.

SUPPORTED BY THE PEOPLE.

Our city and our people have loyally supported Conductor Russell and the local manager of the Institute, E. C. Scott, to make it the most efficient and successful Institute of the State. To accomplish that end the City Council made a liberal appropriation, and Dr. John W. Rosebro, president of the Fredericksburg College, very generously tendered the free use of the college building for class rooms. To the conductor, E. H. Russell, and to the local manager, Mr. B. P. Willis, is largely due the credit for the gratifying attendance at the Fredericksburg Summer Institute, commendation for the splendid work being done in the classrooms, and the efficient, earnest and enthusiastic corps of instructors. I visited the various classes of the Institute, and while appreciating the great difficulty of covering so many subjects in the short period of time the Institute is in session, I was impressed by the work being done. The writer is confident that at the close of the school any teacher whose attendance on classes has been marked by strict and thoughtful attention, supplemented by his or her own efforts, will return to the work of the next session better fitted and qualified to discharge the duties of teacher.

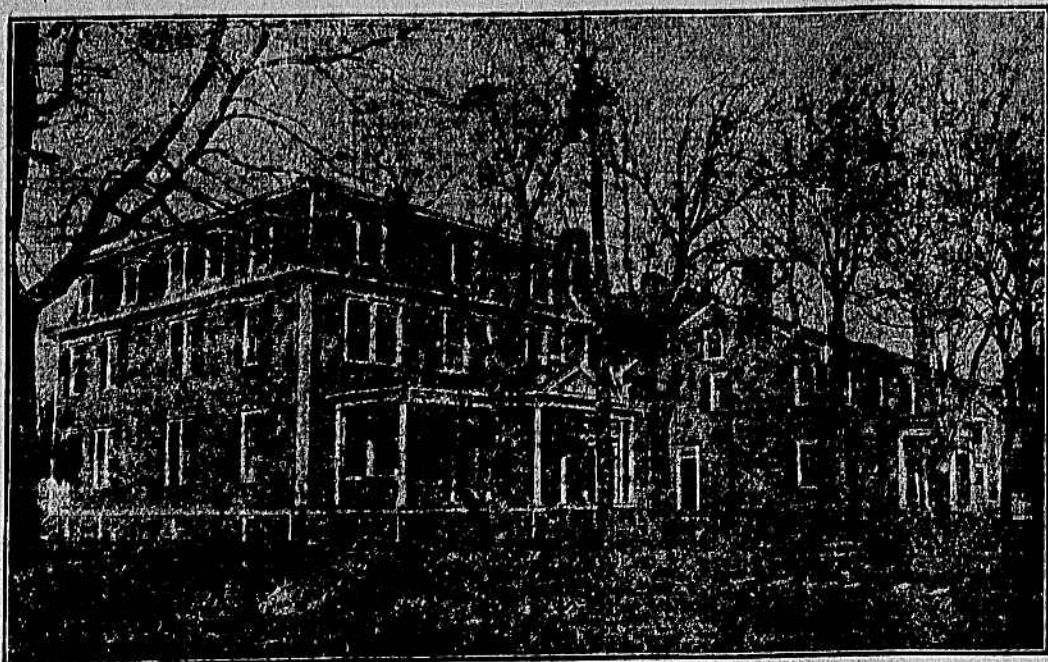
A most gratifying phase of the Institute is the high personnel of the student body. One cannot be impressed with the culture, education and refinement of the students, and their earnest zeal in pursuing their work. The writer has thus far spoken only in general terms of the agreeable impression made upon him by his visit to the Institute, and will now mention more in detail the impression received from a visit to the different classrooms.

Mr. E. H. Russell's lectures on Civil Government are largely attended. His lectures are delivered in a clear, forceful and attractive manner. An observer is impressed by the fact that Mr. Russell is possessed of that indefinable faculty which enables him to instill into the minds of his pupils some of his own earnestness and zeal. His lectures on Government have awakened the keen interest and appreciation of the subject among his pupils.

THE INSTRUCTORS.
Mr. W. N. Hamlet, professor of science in the Richmond High School, lectures on the subject of Physics, Agriculture, etc., and Elementary Botany. Mr. Hamlet, from his practical knowledge of the application of the principles of physics, is enabled to present his subjects in a clear and forceful manner. His lectures on the other subjects of his department are equally interesting and instructive, and will be a conscientious, hard-working and efficient instructor, and has aroused and maintained a most unusual interest in his subjects.

Miss Virginia Reynolds, who has the reputation of nature study, geography, and child study, has long been identified with the public school work of the State, as a member of the faculty of the State Female Normal School, of Farmville. The fact that so efficient a teacher may no longer be connected with the public school work of Virginia is to be regretted. Her work here has been of the usual high order. Virginia can ill afford to lose such a superior instructor as Miss Reynolds.

H. L. Bridges, who teaches algebra and history, is a practical educator, and is regarded as one of the most intelligent



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enthusiastic, and progressive county school superintendents in the State. It was largely through his efforts that the school levy of Gloucester county has been recently increased. He is doing a splendid work here.

Miss M. P. Higgins, formerly a teacher in the Fredericksburg College, conducts classes in arithmetic and English history. She is a most excellent teacher and attracts a large attendance to her classes by the interest in her work, which she has succeeded in creating. It is a source of regret to our people that she is to be no longer connected with the college here. Miss M. L. Critz, who has the chair of English in the Roanoke High School, is teaching the subjects of English and rhetoric. Her work here in the school-room is of the highest order and broadening in its tendency. She is regarded as one of the strong members of the faculty.

Miss Rosa A. Marks, of the normal department of the Richmond city schools, is doing excellent work in teaching elementary methods, reading, and spelling. Her lectures are not alone popular, but among the most instructive in the school. Mr. John H. Rosebro, vice-president of the Fredericksburg College, lectures on general history and history of Virginia. His students are impressed with his thorough grasp of his subject and the clearness of his presentation.

Miss Bettie Murfee, a graduate of the State Female Normal School, has charge of the department of drawing and writing. Her classes are among the most popular in the Institute, and are doing splendid work. She is painstaking, patient, efficient, and enthusiastic in her instruction, and your correspondent was especially impressed by the splendid specimens of drawing made by some of her pupils after a single lesson. Her work is certainly of a high order. J. P. Neff, who was, until a few years ago, connected with the public schools of Virginia, is now president of LaFayette College of Alabama, lectures on physiology and pedagogy. His lectures are exceedingly popular and his work thorough and practical. It is a misfortune for Virginia to lose such an educator as Professor Neff, and we would like to see him return to his mother State.

Miss V. L. Starke, of the Manual Training School, of Norfolk city, has an enthusiastic class in manual training. Her efficiency as a teacher of manual training is most eloquently attested by a specimen of the results wrought by her pupils and shown to your correspondent than any words of commendation could possibly do.

Miss Tribbett gives special instructions in vocal music. The following interesting and instructive public lectures have been given by the visiting educators since the opening of the Summer Institute:
Superintendent of the Schools of Manchester, D. L. Pulliam, educational address; Professor Andrew M. Soule, of Blacksburg, "Elementary Agriculture"; Dr. A. C. Chandler, of Jamestown Exposition Company, the "Historical Importance of Jamestown Exposition"; Dr. Robert Prayser, "On Educational Outlook in Virginia"; Dr. A. B. Coffey, of William and Mary College, "On Getting There."

Entertainments for the Institute.
Fredericksburg, not forgetful of her past record for hospitality, has endeavored to make the stay of the teachers in her midst a pleasant one. The Fredericksburg College Orchestra gave a complimentary recital to the Institute, which was a splendid musical treat and much enjoyed.

The Maryland, Virginia and Delaware Railway Company, through its popular agent at this point, Mr. W. D. Scott, extended to the Summer Institute a complimentary excursion down the Rappahannock River, which was highly appreciated.

Superintendent Eggleston is to be congratulated upon his wise selection of the instructors who compose the faculty of the Fredericksburg Summer Institute. A commendable zeal to excel in his or her department is characterizing the teaching force, yet there is perfect harmony in the faculty. The Summer Institute at Fredericksburg is a splendid success, and will prove of great benefit to those in attendance, and to the cause of education in this section of Virginia.
GRANTVILLE R. SWIFT.

STRONG FACULTY.
The Virginia Institute Infuses New Blood Into Its System. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RICHMOND, VA., July 21.—The faculty of the Virginia Institute here has been made up, and is one of the strongest in the history of the institution. There are a number of new members, owing to the sudden resignation of half a dozen members of the old faculty near the close of the last session. Dr. J. T. Henderson remains at the head of the institution as president. Dr. August Scheinert, who was for three years national director, having resigned, has been succeeded by Prof. S. T. Schroetter.

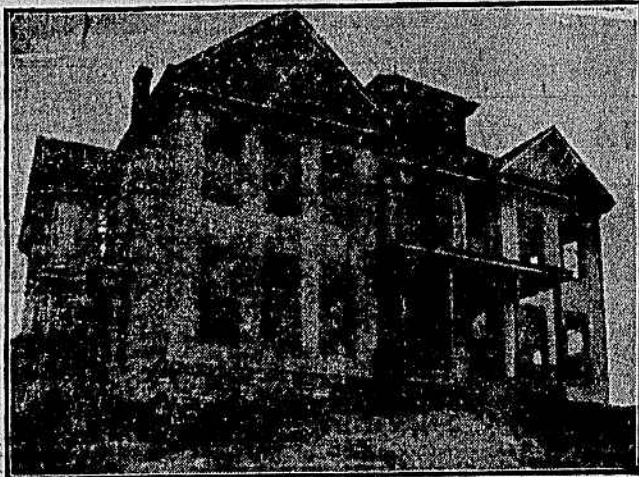
General Perry Brunner and Miss Evelyn Lauder, who were in charge of the music, and Miss Rowena Evelyn Wall will instruct in vocal music. Alexander Phindley will instruct in orchestral instruments. Outside of the musical department the faculty is pretty much the same as it was last year.

Clintwood College, in the Far Southwest

The Clintwood College was erected in 1904, at a cost of about \$8,000, which sum was raised by private subscriptions, supplemented by the Clintwood school district funds. Prof. Milton W. Remines, president of the institution, perhaps contributed the largest sum of any private subscriber towards defraying the expenses of the building.

At the session of the General Assembly

scripions from students who are not entitled to free tuition. The terms of the school extend some months beyond the time the free school is let to contract. In the students' department of this school the border counties of Kentucky and West Virginia are represented largely. Many teachers who wish to prepare themselves better for their duties are in attendance at each term.



CLINTWOOD COLLEGE

bly of 1905 an act was passed authorizing the trustees of the Clintwood school district to employ Prof. Remines as teacher for the term of ten years in the public free school at Clintwood, which term expired with that of 1905. The public school funds are supplemented by sub-

Prof. Remines will doubtless remain at the head of this institution indefinitely, as he has proven himself an efficient instructor, and has a firm hold upon the affections of the patrons of the school. The building is covered by insurance, the policy being \$6,000.

Faculty is Chosen for Sweet Briar Institute

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of Sweet Briar Institute on July 11th, the Faculty of the Institute was practically completed for the year. The following persons now constitute the Sweet Briar Faculty:

Dr. Mary K. Benedict is President of the Institute and Professor of Philosophy and Psychology. Miss Benedict is a graduate of Vassar, and took the degree of Ph. D. at Yale.

Dr. John McBryde, Jr., is Professor of English. He is a son of President McBryde of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He received the degrees of A. B. and A. M. from the South Carolina College, and Ph. D. from Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. William Berkeley is Professor of Chemistry and Physics. Dr. Berkeley comes of a distinguished Virginia family, and is a descendant of Governor Sir William Berkeley. He is a Master of Arts of the University of Virginia, and a Ph. D. of Johns Hopkins.

Dr. J. Mitchell Humphreys is Professor of Modern Languages. Dr. Humphreys is a Virginian, being a native of Bedford City, where his family is well known. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia. He has studied abroad for ten years, where he took his doctor's degree at the University of Paris. He lived for two years in Paris, and has an acquaintance with both French and German, which fits him as few persons are fitted for instruction in his department. Professor Paulkner, of the University of Virginia, says of him: "Dr. Humphreys has fitted himself for such work as few men have an opportunity of doing. He speaks both French and German with the same facility as his native language. There are few men whom I know whose acquaintance with the language, literature, life, manners and customs of the German people is so extensive, exact and thorough as his. In French he is equally competent. He is an accomplished violinist. His wife is a native of Vienna, and is an exceptionally fine musician. Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys will add much to the social life of the community at Sweet Briar."

Miss Susan Moses is Associate Professor of Latin and Greek. She is a native of Raleigh, N. C., where her father is known as a prominent educator. She

studied at the University of North Carolina, where she received a B. A. and M. A. at Cornell University. She has been for two years Associate Professor of Languages at the Sophie Newcomb College, the woman's department of Tulane University. Dr. Alderman, President of the University of Virginia, says of her: "She is a very able young woman, one who has had the best training at Cornell, at the University of North Carolina, and who has had considerable experience in teaching. She has a distinct genius for languages."

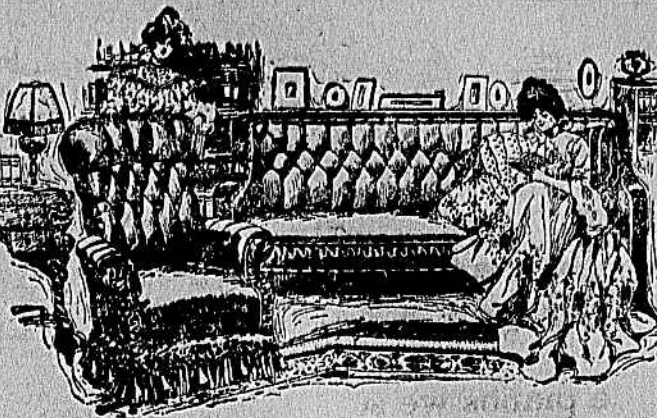
Dr. Craghead, President of Virginia, says of her: "Miss Moses has made a splendid reputation at the Newcomb." Miss Eleanor S. Tucker is Instructor in Biology. Miss Tucker is a native of Norfolk, Va., where her name is a guarantee of culture and ability. She is a B. S. of Columbia University, and holds a Teachers' College diploma in Biology. This summer she holds the chair of Nature Study in the Norfolk Summer School, Dean Russell, of Columbia University, says of her: "Miss Tucker is one of our very best students in all departments, and in her special field of Biological Science, she is unequalled for very superior. She has my unqualified endorsement, and it is given without any reservation whatsoever."

Miss Helen F. Young is Director of Music. Miss Young has had the best advantages of this country and of Europe. She has been studying for five years under Professor Teichmüller of Leipzig, who regards her as one of the few persons who is able to train pupils so that they can study with him. He has refused many pupils from teachers and from schools in America, while he is willing to take those whom Miss Young has prepared. She has been for nine years in charge of the department of music in an institution in Gambier, Ohio. The president of that institution says of her: "She was recommended to me by a musical critic of Boston, Mr. L. C. Stanton, as the best person of all his acquaintance to give instruction in both piano and singing. She revolutionized our department and built it up to such proportions as obtain in few similar schools. I am sure you might look the whole country over and scarcely find her equal as a director of a music department."

Professor Paul de Launay is Professor of Art. Professor de Launay is a talented man and has had the best possible training in the Parisian schools, the

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Farmville Normal A Decided Success

At the end of the third week of the Summer Normal at Farmville even greater earnestness and enthusiasm exists among the teachers than did during the opening days. The attendance has been daily increasing, and almost constantly are heard expressions from the teachers of the benefit they are deriving from the very practical and helpful lectures delivered by the able corps of instructors.

Aside from the fundamental branches, a good deal of interest is being manifested in such subjects as algebra, physics, nature study and manual training. Many teachers have taken advantage of the opportunity offered by having the use of the well-equipped laboratories and manual training shops of the State Female Normal School building.

Miss Josephine Chapman is Instructor in Domestic Science. Miss Chapman is a graduate of Teachers' College, at Columbia University, and holds a diploma from there in Domestic Science. Miss Kline, who has charge of the work in Domestic Science, is a graduate of the State Female Normal School. She is a graduate of the State Female Normal School, and is a graduate of the State Female Normal School. She is a graduate of the State Female Normal School, and is a graduate of the State Female Normal School.

Dr. J. L. Hall, the popular and efficient conductor, teaches English. His lectures on "Common Errors in English," one delivered each week, are a special source of pleasure and profit to the large number who hear them. Many visitors come on that special day. R. B. Smythe, A. M., of Randolph-Macon College, presents arithmetic and algebra in a very attractive form. Professor M. L. Bonham, Jr., of the Richmond High School, is sustaining his reputation as a teacher of United States and general history.

Mr. A. H. Foreman, A. B., formerly principal of Brambleton School, Norfolk, is teaching civil government with great success. James A. Carson, A. B., of William and Mary College, has aroused quite an interest in the subject of nature study. Professor J. C. Matton, of the State Female Normal School, is teaching manual training with his usual success. Those in his classes feel much encouraged by the progress they are making in this important branch of school work.

Miss M. V. Rice, one of the popular teachers of the State Female Normal, lectures on geography and physiology. The teachers have found the practical lectures of Dr. J. P. Messenar, on "Theory and Practice of Teaching," very instructive.

Of all the courses offered at the normal, possibly none will prove more helpful to the teachers in their daily work than the lectures in primary methods, and the Model School, conducted by Miss M. W. Halliburton, of the State Female Normal.

The Institute was fortunate in securing the services of Miss F. W. Dunn, of the State Female Normal, as a teacher of drawing and form. It makes it needless to say that her lectures are a source of profit.

Last, but not least, among the faculty is Miss M. W. Goode, of Hopkinsville, Ky., High School, who is well equipped to lecture on physics and physical geography. Although the teachers are very busy, they found time Friday night to attend an entertainment provided for them by the wide awake business manager, Superintendent J. H. Davis. One of the features of the entertainment was "Book Social," in which a guessing contest was arranged and prizes awarded. Mrs. M. L. Bonham, Jr., of Richmond, won the first prize, and Miss Belle Bland, of the consolation. The first prize was awarded by Dr. J. L. Hall, and the consolation by Mr. A. H. Foreman, of the faculty. Ample refreshments were then served, and all left, expressing themselves as having spent a most pleasant evening. The members of the normal are anticipating with pleasure addresses to be delivered to them at an early date by Dr. J. L. Jarman, president of the State Female Normal School, and Dr. J. M. McBryde, Jr., dean of the Sweet Briar Institute.

Hard to Draw.

A school teacher, one day during the hour for drawing, suggested to her pupils that each draw what he or she would like to be when grown up. At the end of the lesson one little girl showed an empty slate. "Why," asked the teacher, "haven't there anything you would like to be when you grow up?" "Yes," said the little girl, "I would like to be married, but I don't know how to draw it."